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PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
AND AUTHORIZATION TO CHARGE
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Dear Sir:

Applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated October 26, 2004 for two (2) months from January 26, 2005 to March 26, 2005. An RCE and an Amendment responding to the Office Action is being filed concurrently herewith.

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